



May 5, 2008

Delores Brown
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California Department of Water Resources
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Via Email: bdcpr@water.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce has grown increasingly concerned about the decline in the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the deteriorating reliability of this key water supply for two-thirds of all of California's residents as well as for half of the nation's produce.

The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to the economic vitality and prosperity of our members and the community. Through our membership, we represent nearly 700 employers in the North Orange County area and their more than 30,000 employees. These businesses rely on water from the California Delta for their manufacturing needs as well as that of the consumption of their employees and their families.

We commend the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations, and state and federal agencies. The Plan is instrumental to mapping out a comprehensive conservation plan, and a solution for the Delta. Additionally, the means to a reliable water system is a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt water conveyance system.

Fullerton Chamber of Commerce supports the BDCP's environmental review process, an essential component to the success of the ultimate plan. We applaud the goal of the plan to place the environmental health of the Delta and the reliability of our state's water system on equal footing.

All of us who live and work in California depend on a reliable water supply. We need sufficient quantity in wet years to replenish our storage systems. We need high quality water to replenish our groundwater basins and to blend with local supplies and those of the Colorado River. We need a restored Delta ecosystem and a rebuilt conveyance system. Reliability must be a cornerstone of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The success of the BDCP is essential to the continued economic health of California. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input during this important scoping process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Harvey", is written over a horizontal line.

Theresa Harvey
Executive Director & CEO
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce